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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Thomas E. Williams, 36, of Tomah, Wisconsin, was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb to 18 months in prison for operating a vehicle while intoxicated - fifth offense. Williams pleaded guilty to this charge on May 4, 2007.

On November 10, 2006, a Fort McCoy police officer observed a vehicle in a ditch off of Highway 21. The driver of the vehicle, Thomas Williams, smelled of alcohol and later admitted to being drunk. A blood draw revealed that Williams' blood alcohol level was nearly three times the legal limit.

The charge against Williams was the result of an investigation conducted by the Fort McCoy Military Police. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney David J. Reinhard.

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